It is mentioned in the note the water saved as a result of these proposals will irrigate about 2 lac acres of land in Rajasthan and Punjab and increase agriculture production in both the States to the tune of Rs. 300 crore per annum.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab has been requested to send a detailed project report for anti water logging measures in Muktsar, Ferozpur and Faridkot districts to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal and submitting the same to the Advisory Committee for Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose projects of the Ministry of Water Resources for approval and the investment clearance from Planning Commission so that the project could be considered for central funding.

Conservation of Rivers by states

†3098. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to handover work of river conservation to the States;

(b) if so, whether it would also include problem of availability of water resource to the public due to obstruction in flow of water at different places due to dams on it; and

(c) who is responsible to supply water for agricultural and other works by maintaining constant flow of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have reported that there is no proposal with the Ministry of Environment & Forests to assign river conservation to States.

(b) does not arise.

(c) 'Water' being a state subject, all issues related to water management are to be addressed by respective State Governments.

River bank protection schemes in Kerala

3099. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal of projects from Kerala under River Bank Protection Schemes are pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of proposals pending with the Ministry;

(c) the number of such proposals which have been given necessary clearance; and

(d) the reasons for the rejection/delay in granting approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is no scheme with a name as "River Bank Protection Scheme". However, a state sector scheme namely, "Flood Management Programme" (FMP) (with an estimated cost of Rs. 8,000 Cr.) has been approved in principle, by the Cabinet in November, 2007 for providing central assistance to the States during XI plan, for the river management, flood control, anti-erosion and drainage development works; for which detailed guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Water Resources on 27th December 2007 to all States. Ministry of Water Resources has not received any proposal from State of Kerala for providing central assistance under the scheme "Flood Management Programme".

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Contamination of ground water

3100. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underground water of certain districts of Andhra Pradesh are being affected with the contaminants such as flouride, Arsenic, iron, salinity etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the districts affected by contaminants and the measures initiated at village level to tackle the situation during the last three years;

(c) whether the resultant affects that have helped the people to source potable water from underground; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The report/findings of Central Ground Water Board regarding ground water situation in Andhra Pradesh indicate that:

(i) the quality of shallow ground water in the coastal tracts of Andhra Pradesh varies widely from fresh to saline, while ground water in deeper acquifers is generally saline. In East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Nellore and Prakasham districts also ground water in deeper acquifers has been found to be saline.

(ii) Salinity in ground water has been observed in shallow as well as deeper acquifers in western part of Kurnool district and central part of Guntur district.

(iii) Flouride concentration beyond 1.5 mg/litre has been observed in parts of Nalgonda, Prakasham, Anantpur, Kadapa, Mahaboobnagar, Krishna, Kurnool, Rangareddy, Karimnagar and Guntur districts.

(iv) Iron concentration in excess of 1.0 mg/litre has been reported from Chittoor, Kadapa, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Karimnagar and Medak districts.

(v) No arsenic contamination has been reported so far in the State.

(vi) The data available with Central Ground Water Board is shared with State Government to facilitate the process of remedial measures to be taken in view of the situation arising out of contamination of ground water.

Compulsory water audit

3101. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to make the water audit compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has no proposal to make the water audit compulsory.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 'Water' being a state subject, all issues related to water management including water audit are to be addressed by respective State Governments.